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- 1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THAT MISSION WILL NEED ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING COMPLAINT IN ORDER RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS OR QUESTIONS WHICH ARE RAISED.
- 2. AS INDICATED REFTEL A, SUSPECTS IN CASE INVOLVING DEATH OF MR. CABALLERO HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED AND ARE PRESENTLY BEING TRIED IN PUERTO RICAN COURTS. PUERTO RICAN AUTHORITIES ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE OUT ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CASE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED AND THE STATE'S CASE. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE OF PUERTO RICO HAS PROMISED TO PROMPTLY SEND US RELEASABLE INFORMATION ON THE CASE.

3. AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, MISSION WILL BE INFORMED.

4. AS INDICATED REFTEL A, U.S. HAS GIVEN ITS CONSENT TO ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER COMPLAINT IS SUITABLE FOR TRANSMISSION THROUGH ILO GOVERNING BODY TO ILO FACT-FINDING AND CONCILIATION COMMISSION. ISSUE WILL BE CONSIDERED AT SECOND SESSION OF ECOSOC, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM JULY 5 - AUGUST 4. ONLY AFTER ECOSOC DECIDES THAT COMPLAINT IS SUITABLE FOR TRANSMISSION SHOULD ISSUE BE BEFORE ILO GOVERNING BODY. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PROCEDURE THAT ISSUE WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE JUNE ILO CONFERENCE. MISSION SHOULD CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH ILO SECRETARIAT. VANCE

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